

# Honolulu Star-Bulletin

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## OBSTRUCTIONISTS.

Opposing property owners have succeeded in delaying the Hotel street improvement project for six months. Chief among them is L. L. McCandless, who has risen from poverty to wealth in this community—a wealth largely made possible through the rise in property values as Honolulu has grown from a small town to the population of a city.

McCandless and his associates in blocking this much-needed improvement have a nebulous scheme as a substitute which apparently involves a complete change in the present method of assessment. The substance of it is that they want larger areas included in the downtown improvement projects. They object to the city paying part of the cost of improving a main thoroughfare like King street unless it also pays part of the cost of improving Hotel or Pauahi streets. The latter certainly is not a main thoroughfare.

No student of city affairs will contend that the frontage-tax plan of securing street improvements is perfect. Occasionally it may now work out inequitably upon one property owner as against another. But property owners won't get anywhere by blocking the projects. A start has to be made somewhere; experience must be gained; the city must feel its way. When wealthy land owners and men comfortably off in this world's goods—as the majority of the Hotel street opponents are—hold up a public improvement for the sake of their own ideas and a few dollars, they are giving anything but a progressive example.

The community is heartily tired of chronic obstructionists.

## THE RAIDERS AGAIN.

Nearly a year ago the last German commerce-raider was believed to have been driven from the seas. Now comes the report, disquieting to the Allied shipping men and particularly disquieting to the British navy, that the German cruiser Roon, a 10,000-ton vessel, is roaming the Atlantic.

On April 11 last year the German auxiliary cruiser Kronprinz Wilhelm slipped into Newport News, Virginia, following that other raider, the Prinz Eitel Friedrich, both of which have been interned. Both had sunk a number of British merchant vessels, eluding pursuers until lack of provisions and coal, and sickness aboard, forced them to put into port. They were believed to be the last of the commerce-raiders.

The exploits of the Germans in capturing the British steamer Appam and navigating her across the Atlantic, and the report now that at least one and possibly two German cruisers are free of the British cordon, shows the difficulty of maintaining the blockade of Germany. How the Roon succeeded in getting out of the North Sea is yet to be explained. Perhaps this report, like several others concerning the escape of German naval vessels, is only report, but the warning sent out to British shipping shows that the admiralty in London is perturbed.

## THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE CHURCHES.

The desirability of the churches of Honolulu inaugurating "extension work" among the soldiers is pointed out by a correspondent whose letter is printed in another column today.

It is a letter well worth reading and careful consideration. The writer, for obvious reasons, does not give his name, but the bona fides of his communication is known to the Star-Bulletin.

This writer, a non-commissioned officer attached to one of the department offices in Honolulu, emphasizes the quite proper desire of the soldier stationed here for clean and wholesome society, recreation and amusement. His letter is without bitterness but it does convey a very clear challenge to the churches to grasp an opportunity for service.

## THE "PREPAREDNESS" SERIES.

No stronger argument for preparedness, no more vivid picture of a patriotic nation, has been given the American people today than that by Secretary of War Garrison in his annual report. That it may receive locally the attention it deserves and that the entire subject of preparedness—now thrilling the nation—may be well considered in Hawaii, the Star-Bulletin will begin tomorrow publication of an important series of articles on military defense.

The first will be Secretary Garrison's discussion of the general situation, together with a statement concerning the War College and the general staff of the army. Mr. Garrison put up to the War College division of the general staff the duty of working out in detailed form recommendations for army development, which has been done in a striking pamphlet entitled "Statement of a Proper Military Policy for the United States." The Star-Bulletin will explain the organization and functions of the general staff corps, so that the public may give proper weight to its recommendations. The secretary of war and the War College division differ in some important details of policy and their varying views should be understood.

Following this there will be published from time to time discussions of the "preparedness" situation as it develops. The papers will be interesting not only to civilians, but to army men more closely following military matters, since some of them will contain information not generally available.

Whatever be the causes which have brought the De Folio Grand Opera Company on the financial rocks, Honolulu is quite ready to turn to and make a big success of a benefit performance, provided it is necessary to assist the members of the troupe. The company is a capable one and it is unfortunate that its season here should have been marred from the first by bad weather, internal dissensions and untoward rows. In case it appears that the company is "stranded" and the individual members in real need, we suggest a committee of citizens to take hold of the situation, go thoroughly into the finances and resources of the management, arrange a big benefit performance and fill the Opera House or a bigger hall to the doors. It can be done and done on short notice. There are a number of businessmen who have been keenly interested in the success of opera here who, we are sure, would be glad to serve on such a committee.

No opposition to the Asquith compulsory military service bill is likely to be encountered in the house of lords. The nobility of Great Britain is making a wonderful and inspiring record of personal service in this war. At least 800 of its members have perished on the battlefield or in the camps—a number out of all proportion to the general casualties. If the Teutons had expected to find a "decadent England" among the nobility, they have been disappointed, for the men of title and of high family went to the front in a manner nothing less than splendid. With this sentiment of sacrifice among the upper classes, the house of lords will not hamper the passage of the near-conscription act.

The Zeppelin raid on England, with its toll of more than a hundred casualties, is one of many the Germans have succeeded in carrying out. A few days ago the statement was made by the London correspondent of a New York paper that not in a single case have the British aviators or anti-air-craft gunners been able to shoot down a raiding Zeppelin. There have, however, been reports of at least two of the great machines falling disabled into the North Sea.

Nothing will please Col. Roosevelt more than to get the Democratic leaders answering him. His skill in controversy is remarkable and he can re-state his adversary's position so adroitly as to make him seem ridiculous.

Representative Mondell declares the Wilson Mexican policy is one of "mischievous meddling." But then, aren't Villa and his fellow-bandits merely carrying out their conception of "The New Freedom"?

After Hawaii and the Panama Canal are fortified according to the ideas of the military experts, there will be about enough men left in the regular army to defend Kalamazoo from foreign invasion.

The principal reason why the Allies say Constantine has no cause for complaint is that he is the under dog.

President Wilson's ideas upon the navy appear to have expanded as he journeyed toward Bryanville.

The dynamiter quite properly is classed with the snake, the toad and the hyena.

Arthur gets Wilder and Wilder.

## LETTERS OF THE WEEK

The Star-Bulletin invites free and frank discussion in this column on all legitimate subjects of current interest. Communications are constantly received to which no signature is attached. This paper will treat as confidential signatures to letters if the writers so desire, but cannot give space for anonymous communications.)

### SOCIAL NEEDS OF THE SOLDIER.

Honolulu, T. H. Feb. 3.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Sir: There are now stationed in and around Honolulu about 9000 soldiers and the businessmen and many others interested are pleasantly anticipating the arrival of as many more. Now when a community is financially benefited to as large an extent as Honolulu is by the soldiers, it should feel itself under some obligation to take some interest in the soldier's mental, social and spiritual welfare.

The conditions surrounding the enlisted man stationed on the island of Oahu are not now very attractive, nor do they assist him very much in the leading of a clean, useful life.

In the first place, religious worship, except in a few cases, is given scant encouragement. There are few army chaplains here, several posts having none at all; and at posts where there is a chaplain he has many duties that do not directly pertain to religious work, and, consequently, he can give only a limited amount of personal attention to a large body of men.

On the other hand, there are several churches here in Honolulu, which, if interested, could do a wonderful amount of good, by having their clergy and laymen inaugurate some such work as the churches of Columbus, Ohio, and at other places on the mainland, are now doing for the enlisted men stationed in their cities.

A soldier is usually required to stay here for three years, during which time he is practically ostracized, socially, which is not an agreeable or

healthy state of affairs. If he is fortunate enough to be located close to the city of Honolulu, he may, if he desires, attend services at one of the churches here, but in most cases, while he may be welcomed by the pastor, he is to a great extent completely ignored or given that condescending attention which is the horror of any self-respecting young American.

As an example of the reception accorded an enlisted man in contrast to that of a civilian stranger:

A certain young soldier attended the services of a certain church (one noted for its kindly reception to the soldier) several times in succession, attired in his uniform, he was not noted or welcomed; but some time later he attended the same church in a rather attractive suit of civilian clothes. The change was remarkable. Several young men and women—not recognizing him as a soldier—gave him a hearty greeting, welcoming him to the church and personally inviting him to attend certain social functions that were to be held.

If the churches give only a poor welcome to the enlisted men, it is quite probable that others will accord them an even cooler reception socially, and that being the case, a soldier usually does one of three things, viz:

He becomes reckless, takes to drinking and other similar or worse pursuits; or he becomes sullen, agitated and sometimes dangerous; or having an unusually strong mind and will, he endures the lack of necessary social intercourse, suppresses the natural desire of a healthy young man for acquaintance with clean young women and at the end of his three years goes to the mainland, a wiser but sadder young man.

If the government expects to increase the army to any extent, by other means than conscription, such conditions as described above should be changed considerably.

Yours truly,  
CORPORAL BLANK.

## LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—CIRCUIT JUDGE STUART: I am still working on the decision in the Kuhl case. It's no easy job to have to read over about 700 authorities from so many law books.

—A. W. HANSEN: The present milk situation in Honolulu is serious and is one which should receive immediate attention. I have every reason to believe that better weather will bring fewer complaints.

—HARRY ANCILL: The tourists from "back East" all tell me Tuesday night's thunderstorm was worse than any they ever saw on the mainland. I lived in Massachusetts myself for several years, but I never saw any thing there to equal the lightning we had here that night.

—RAYMER SHARP: Honolulu is one of the very few ports of the United States in which imports have not been adversely affected by the European war. Four-fifths of the imports to Honolulu come from the Orient in peace times, and since the war the percentage has been higher.

—JUDGE W. L. WHITNEY: Within a very short time the boys at the industrial school at Waialeale will be well supplied with a large assortment of baseball bats, gloves, balls, medicine balls, dumbbells and Indian clubs. There is little doubt but what the longer period for play will meet with their approval.

—LIEUT. F. J. LOWRY, captain U. S. S. Alert: The third submarine division is the means of putting considerable money into circulation in Honolulu. Our payroll is now about \$16,000 a month. We pay twice a month, and our payments today were about \$8000 for officers and men of the K boats and the Alert.

—JAMES S. McCANDLESS: Yes, I signed the protest against the Hotel street improvement but personally I am not against the frontage tax and don't want to be put in the light of holding up a public improvement. My understanding was that there was to be a good substitute proposition advanced which would allow the improvement to go through. I hope it does and I believe it ought to.

## PERSONALITIES

BRIG-GEN. SAMUEL I. JOHNSON of the National Guard left for Hilo in the Matsonia yesterday on a business trip.

LESLIE SCOTT, who had accepted a position as mechanical foreman of the Maui News, has decided to remain in Honolulu.

ATTY-GEN. I. M. STAINBACK has gone to Hilo to investigate the evi-

dence against Villaneuva, a convicted murderer, who has been sentenced to death. He will also inquire into several condemnation suits.

MISS MARY STAMBAUGH, an instructor at Mid-Pacific Institute for the past several years, will sail tonight on the Great Northern on her way home to California. Miss Stambaugh has given up her position at Mid-Pacific school.

HERBERT BREWER, who has been employed by the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association on the Honokaa plantation, Hawaii, will leave tonight for the mainland on the Great Northern. He expects to be gone about two months.

WALTER KAMAIOPILE, graduate of Kamehameha with the class of 1912, who has been assistant secretary at the Y. M. C. A. in the boys' department at South Bend, Ind., has been promoted to the head of that department and is now boys' work director. Mr. Kamaiopile was the cadet major at Kamehameha during his last school year there, and he also won the roll of honor.

## CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR FOUNDER WILL SPEAK AT MEETING TONIGHT

The thirty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Christian Endeavor Society will be celebrated tonight at the Kawaiahao church. Dr. Francis E. Clark, who started the movement that has spread throughout the world in the last 35 years, will be the principal speaker at the meeting.

The program follows:  
Song Service ..... Congregation  
Prayer ..... Rev. H. K. Poeppel  
Song—"Loyalty to Christ" ..... Congregation  
Scripture reading ..... Pastor D. C. Peters  
Prayer ..... Rev. T. H. Roll  
Roll Call by the Secretary ..... Miss Eva Farr  
Song—"Where He Leads Me" ..... Congregation  
Address ..... Mrs. Harriet Abbott Clark  
Address ..... Rev. Francis E. Clark, D. D., LL. D.  
Song—"God Be With You Till We Meet Again" ..... Congregation  
Mizpah.

## OUT LOOKING FOR MAN WHO SOLD STOLEN WHEEL

Tuesday M. Mohata sold his bicycle to a Japanese cook at the Young hotel. Wednesday some one stole the bicycle from the cook, and the latter told Mohata of the loss. Thursday Mohata saw a soldier on the wheel and called a policeman who arrested him. The soldier was Floyd J. Donnelly, Company H, 2d Infantry, and he said he bought the bicycle from a discharged soldier for \$10. The wheel was left with the Japanese, who will not prosecute, and Donnelly set out to find the man who sold it to him.

## DWELLINGS FOR RENT

FURNISHED HOUSES  
Tantalus Heights ..... 3 Bedrooms ..... \$45.00  
Park Avenue ..... 2 " .....  
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UNFURNISHED HOUSES  
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1221 Pensacola St. .... 4 " ..... 40.00  
1475 Thurston Ave. .... 5 " ..... 40.00  
2271 King St. .... 3 " ..... 35.00

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## NO FREE SUGAR FOR LONG TIME, THINKS FORBES

Some of Congressmen Here Last May Thinks Islands Do Not Need "Protection"

Charles R. Forbes, superintendent of public works, is another of those optimists who returns from the mainland bringing word that the tariff will not be taken from sugar next May.

"Despite the fact that there has been considerable agitation from various sources to have the tariff removed, it is a conceded belief among the people of Washington that the tariff will stay on for a good many years," he says.

"This agitation, or a part of it, at least, has come from the congressmen who were here last year, and who got the impression that the islands are so well off that they would not suffer any from the removal of the tariff."

Forbes did not discuss the sugar question with Secretary McAdoo, but he did talk it over with a large number of influential congressmen and was always given the assurance that the tariff is sure to remain. He mentions especially "one big Democrat" who said that free sugar will not come for a long time.

## VANDAL BROKE GLOBES OF KAILANI LIGHTS

Residents in the Kailani tract, Kailani valley, were left in darkness last night, after some vandal went through the district and broke the globes of nine electric street lights. When policemen arrived the district was dark and the man who did the damage could not be found.

## WANTS TO CHANGE HIS PLEA AFTER SENTENCE OF YEAR IS IMPOSED

After entering a plea of guilty to a charge of assault on Frederick Dow, ship's carpenter on the British Yeoman, Charles Martensen, ship's cook, was sentenced to a year in jail by Judge Monsarrat this morning. Before court adjourned, Martensen asked permission to withdraw his plea, saying he did not understand the charge. He was allowed to enter a plea of not guilty and will have a hearing tomorrow morning.

Dow claims that Martensen came to his room on the British Yeoman about midnight, January 22, and in a fight hit him on the head with an iron bar, cutting a five-inch gash in the scalp and fracturing his skull. Dow was allowed to leave Queen's hospital yesterday.

## Two Service Suggestions

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Hyde and Oahu, Manoa. .... 2 " ..... 35.00  
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1317 Makiki St. .... 2 " ..... 35.00  
1225 Wilhelmina Rise ..... 2 " ..... 25.00  
14th and Palolo Aves, Kaimuki. 2 " ..... 22.50  
1712 King St. .... 3 " ..... 30.00  
2051 Laniluli Drive (Manoa) ..... 2 " ..... 35.00  
Hackfeld and Prospect ..... 3 " ..... 27.50  
1246 Kinau ..... 2 " ..... 30.00  
1140 Kaili St. (in Lane) ..... 2 " ..... 12.50  
Kamehameha and Manoa Road. .... 2 " ..... 35.00  
1877 Kalakaua Ave. .... 2 " ..... 20.00

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